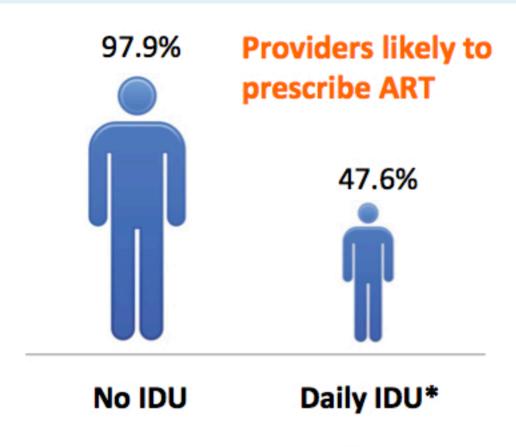
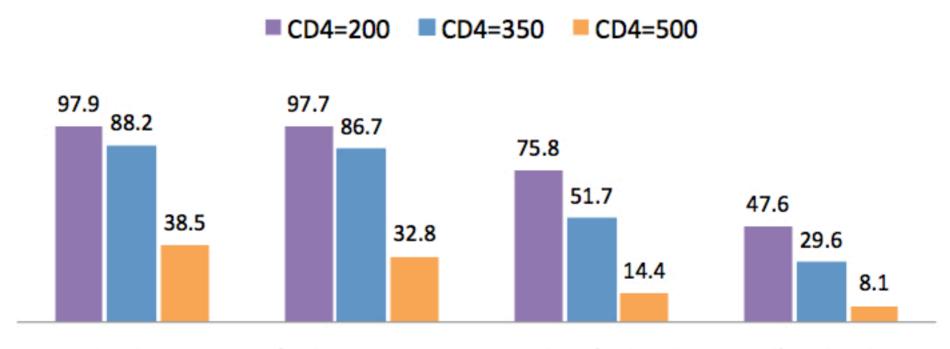
## **Providers Defer HIV Treatment for Injection Drug Users (IDUs)**

Healthcare providers often put off antiretroviral therapy for HIV patients who inject drugs -- even those with high levels of infection. A new study shows the surprising scope of this treatment disparity in North America.



\*CD4=200 cells mm3

## Percentage of providers likely to prescribe ART based on patient drug use



No Injection Drug Abstinent x 3 mo. Occasional Injecting Use

Daily Injecting

**Level of Patient Drug Use** 

Source: Westergaard et. al., J International AIDS Society 2012